EVERGREENS AND HOLLY.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY.

IN HONOR OF THE HOLIDAYS THE GREAT CITY MARKETS HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO A

WONDERFUL FOREST PRIMEVAL. have taken on the aspect of a "forest primeval,

athlet a forest most strangely comp All the earth seems laid under tribute, and from North South East and West by each swift-glidof the tropics, the wealth of Canadian forests, the ine woods, the silvery mistletoe from the forests of Fontainebleu, and its smaller American substitute from the Virginia latitudes or mesquite in Texas, the glossy laurel branches of Pennsylvania and Jersey, and the prickly, glossy leaves and rich red berries of the cheerful holly from "Merrie Eng-Maine to Florida.

Veteran dealers who have handled "Christmas greens" for years declare that interest in Christmas increasing more than in any other holiday. It is now the holiday of the year. Not only do the swell florists handle the various decorations that especially if he be of English or German extraction, has his stock, from which even the smallest customer is apt to buy. The gamut in corations and the accompanying scale of prices ave, to the poorest talior on the East Side there one is so poor but that a spray of holly may give the festival effect to his humble home. Nor are the quiet sleepers in God's Acre forgot-

A walk through any of our cemeteries near Christmas time will show grave after grave with its wreath of holly or laurel, while an infinite variety of stars, crosses, anchors and other set designs of immortelles proves that

—the loveliest and the best. Who drank their cups a round or two before, And one by one crept silently to rest.

are still remembered at the Christmastide. While the holly and the mistletoe are still, by reason of tradition the favorite Christmas greens, are novelties brought forward each year for those who, like the ancient Athenians, are ever on the lookout for "some new thing." Boxwood from England is one of the season's debutantes, and will be used by florists in conjunction with the holly and mistletoe in the making of wreaths. Still another ovelty is the Florida needle pine, which is inended to be put in pots and set about the rooms. the only flower that is permissible with the greens the poinsetta, or Mexican Christmas flower, and

indoubtedly the unique Christmas decoration the present year was the festoons of cabwhich draped the Christmas ship from laden with Christmas cheer for the soldier boys in the Philippines. With the cabbages, which at

ribbons used in tying the greens is "berry red,

ing of Santa Claus, which proclaimed the St. Paul's mission to all whom she might meet on the high

are especially decorative, used as a background.

When a florist decorates a house, long branches of holly are tied to the railings of the stairways, and a shapely little holly tree laden with berries is set on top the newel-post.

Holly and pine are largely used for church decorations. Mistletoe is always high-priced, and this year it will be among the Christmas luxuries. A large and well-shaped branch, with a profusion of the waxen berries, will cost \$2 or \$3, even when bought from the sidewalk dealers, but a tiny spray for \$2 cents will answer the purpose, as it's "not so much the size of the branch, but the girl that's under it that counts."

When and where the custom of kissing under the

when and where the custom of kissing under the mistletoe originated is uncertain, but it still holds good. In England, indeed, the custom is so firmly fixed that, mistletoe failing, the "kissing bunch," a bouguet of evergreens ornamented with oranges and ribbons, is suspended in its place.

The mistletoe is seidom used now in church decorptions on account of its connection with the old bruidical ceremonies, but about eight hundred cases of it are annually brought into New-York for Christmas, and it is always sold. Then on Christmas Day,

"The men laugh low. And hang up a branch of the mistletoe, And nobody knows or ever shall know. What is done under the mistletoe."

Nearly all of this Christmas green sold here is shelled "English mistletoe." This is probably at-ributable to poetic license, as England nowndaye nds it difficult to supply her own markets without ending to a country which can raise her own, his green is a parasitic plant, and obtains its fe from the trunk and branches to which it

This green is a function of the trunk and branches to which it elings. While the greater number of Christmas trees brought here are sold to Sunday-schools and public institutions for children, there are still many famines who cling to the old German custom of the tree blazing with lights and laden with gifts. Very blazing with lights and laden with gifts. Very blazing are some of these trees, hardly larger than modest are some of these trees, hardly larger than east of our German citizens when he may not be seen the night before Christmas trudging home with a thry tree under his arm to keep up the traditions of the Fatherland.

A ride on any of our elevated roads on Christmas Eve or during the week following, would lead one to believe, glancing through miles of windows at forests of trees, that however true may be the assumption that as a rule we take our pleasures sparingly, this does not at lesst apply to Christmas, sparingly, this does not at lesst apply to Christmas, a nation of workers—the hardest of workers—prached, busy people though we of the rank and file be, when Christmas comes. We

"Make good cheer.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY.

While down the city streets, in the residential quarters, window after window bursts, the last few days before Christmas into vivid bloom, with star and cross and wreath, and the air is filled with the pungent Christmas breath of spruce and coder. It is in the with the pungent Christmas breath of spruce and ceder, it is in the country that joy reigns supreme. For weeks the children have had their eyes on vatious woodland treasures soon to metamorphose the simple district school into a Christmas bower for the "last day." Then, before all the "Slection," sitting in solerin phalaix, Johnnie, in flammen," sitting in solerin phalaix, Johnnie, in flammen, and in clear with phalaix in the solerin phalaix in the solerin phalaix in the sitting in the solerin phalaix in the solerin phalaix in the solerin phalaix in the solerin phalaix. The solerin phalaix is solerin phalaix in the solerin phalaix in the solerin phalaix. The solerin phalaix is solerin phalaix. The solerin phalaix is

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True it is that among all the customs left us by our pagan forefathers note appeal more strongly to our sense of what is heautiful and hefitting the Christmas season than this one of decarating our houses and churches with greens. Interdicted by the councils of the earty Christmas as severing too much of the Scarlet Lady; prohibited by Partion much of the Scarlet Lady; prohibited by Partion Hament in 1625 and frowned upon by our Puritin flament in 1625 and frowned upon by our Puritin forefathers, who looked much more keenly after forefathers, who looked much more keenly after than the spirit of the law, the custom still survives, and Christmas morn of 1836 will doubtless dawn on a city wreathed in tons and tons of evergreen and holly.

TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

The young women of the Atlanta Relief Association, which did relief work in the war, are to be disbanded on December 31, with the same ceremony and forms used by the Government in mustering

Miss Ella M. Powell is president of the asse ation. Miss Jennie English, vice-president; Miss Irma Dooly secretary; Miss Joan Clark, assistant secretary. Miss Annie Nash, treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth Venable, chairman of the Excentive Com-mittee.

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Woman's Suffrage Association will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Wilson Parlors, No preside. Addresses on the results of political equalty will be made by Mrs. Katherine A. Anderson, Miss A. E. Cameron, Mrs. Katherine A. Anderson, Miss A. E. Cameron, Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs, Mrs. Anna Brooks Snow and Mrs. Evelyn O'Conner. These women will treat the subject as it has developed in New-Zealand, in Wyoming, in Utah, in Colorado and in Idaho. Mrs. Jessie Cassidy Snanders will speak on equal suffrage in Kansas; Mrs. Julia O. Perry on "Defrated Amendments in Washington and South Dakota," and it is expected that Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt will speak of the late work in the West for woman suffrage. A business meeting will precede the regular meeting.

A semi-monthly meeting of the Catholic Workingmen's Club the C. A. I. L. and the Christian Workingmen's Institute was held yesterday at

An open meeting of the Contemporary, of Tren ton, N. J., will be held this afternoon at Trenton House, Dr. E. F. Carr will deliver a lecture on "Alexander Hamilton." This meeting will be held in place of a New Year reception.

Branch unions are being rapidly organized throughout the country as offshoots of the Woman's Veteran Relief Union. The object is to aid and comfort deserving Union soldiers and marities, their widows, orphans and parents, in times of sickness and death, and to assist the comrades of the Union Veterans Union in cementing a closer bond of friendship. The New-York branch, known as the Hatteras Relief Union No. 9, has just elected officers for the coming year. President Mrs. Helena M. Chapelle, treasurer, Mrs. Mary C. Walters, senior vice-president, Mrs. Mary Carrol, secretary, Mrs. Lilian Chapelle, and chaplain, Mrs. Selina Hall.

The Worthington Pump Company, of Elizabeth, N. J., has adopted a course directly opposed to that of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company. The latter will no longer employ women, the former has introduced girls in its foundry, and the work they are put to do is such that they can wear white caps and aprons, and are satisfactory in the discharge of their duties.

sions will hold a meeting this morning at 10:30 in the assembly hall of the Presbyterian Building. Fifth-ave, and Twentieth-st. Eugene Young, grandson of Brigham Young, will speak on "Morgrandson of frightam found, will speak on "Mormonism a Foe to Americanism." This meeting is
of more than usual importance, since it is expected
to be the initial movement of a great National
campaign of women against the present issues of
Mormonism, especially the seating of Brigham H.
Roberts, the polygamist Congressman-elect from
Utah. The attendance of all patriotic men and
women is earnestly invited. Mrs. Darwin R. James,
president of the Woman's Roard of Home Missions,
will preside at the meeting.

In Sweden's high schools boys and girls are educated in the same classes. Women are the prin-

Pope Leo XIII and Queen Victoria will receive this week unique calenders from a Baltimore woman, Miss M. H. Stella Lawson. The calendars designed by Miss Lawson contain full-page illustrations of the seals and flags of all the States in the Union, also the crests of the States. The copies sent to the Pope and Queen were covered with fine white paper, on which was printed in five lan-guages a description of the work.

worshippers and speciators on Sunday to the Church of Our Lady Queen of Angels, in Oneenuren of Our Lady Queen of Angels, in One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st, and Second-ave. The bone was received recently by the Rev. Timothy Crossman, head of the monastery of the Capuchin friars, and was exposed to view for the first time on Sunday.

Miss Lillie Bergh received yesterday afternoon from 4 until 7 o'clock, at The Albany, Fifty-secondst, and Broadway. A musical programme was rendered.

The National American Woman Suffrage Asso-ciation will not issue calendars for the coming year, but the Brooklyn Woman's Association has had some prepared, and these are now ready for sale at 25 cents each. There are also metallions offered of Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, the Rev. Anna Shaw and Carrie Chapman Cart. They are prettily set in a brass Florentine frame, and make dainty Christmas gifts.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Benevolen Society in connection with the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, will be held in the church parlors to-day at 2 p. m. All are wel-

Drama Day was observed at the Professional Woman's League yesterday afternoon with a programme as interesting as those always presented on these occasions. In spite of the approaching holiday season and its consequent demands, there was a full attendance of members and guests.

In an address made last week to the Class on Present Day Problems, Mrs. Charles R. Lowell, speaking on the "Ethics of Civil Service Reform," said that many persons get into the service who are wholly unfit for the offices they fill, and who are of the sort that are not successful elsewhere and think that incompetency will not matter is Government matters, "and depend on a 'pull' rather than efficiency to secure the places." Quoting ker-Colonel Waring, Mrs. Lowell gave his words, as follows:

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'In this city there are few who have any idea of their rights. The average citizen expects to get what he wants by personal or political pulls, or not at all. This is destructive of the moral fibre of the people and to justice and honesty. Whoever wants to help to raise the life of the people of New-York can do nothing more effective than to devote himself to the establishment of a government of honest and unflinching laws and destroy the power of roulls.'

A meeting of the Fenelon Reading Circle, of Brooklyn, will be held this afternoon at the Pouch Mansion.

The Cambridge Club met yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. K. Creevey, No. 316 Greene-ave, papers presented were on the conquest of Spain by

A new Christmas tree society has been incorpo rated in Brooklyn, under the name of "The Sittig rated in Brooklyn, under the name of "The Sittig Brooklyn Christmas Tree Society." Postmaster Francis Wilson is one of the incorporators, and the Francis Wison is one of the incorporators, and the directors are Fresident Lena Sittig, of No. 379 Jef-ferson-inve. Dr. Malcolm E. Parrott, No. 379 Jef-ferson-ave. Rafael Navarro, No. 40 Sidney Place, Eva Dikeman and Nora D. Green, No. 46 South Elilott Place, and Robert F. Clark, No. 427 Frank-

In the lecture-room of the Young Women's Christian Association of Brooklyn the Woman's Club met yesterday afternoon with the Committee on Home and Social Relations. Miss Fannie Bell Faris was the chairman of the day. Mrs. Edwir Faris was the chairman of the day. Mrs. Edwin G. Atwell presented the report on current topics, and the subjects discussed were "Moral Courage in Social Reform," by Mrs. Sara Conant Ontram; "Farmhouse Industries and Demestic Manufactures," by Mrs. Candace Wheeler. Tea was served at the collection.

DAUGHTERS OF 1812.

The Empire State Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 held its regular business meeting Paughters of the courtesy of the courtesy of the cold Guard, in the armory of that organization. Forty-ninth-st. and Broadway. The tation to the armory was extended by Coxford, recording secretary of the The programme provided was full and There was an address by the president, Mrs. Gerry Slade: piano solos by Miss Quinnard and Miss Genevieve Brisble, who has recently returned from Europe, and who rendered Grieg's "Norwegian Wedding March" and a Chopin waitz. Miss Carrol gave a talk on physical culture and dancing illustrating her surject, and Miss Driver and Miss McKenele sang. Refreshments followed. After the regular meeting the society followed after the regular meeting the society of the Soldiers' and Saliots Relief Fund, the entertainment to take the form of an illustrated lecture by Miss Anna Northend Benjamins Her subject will be "Tampa, Key West and Cuab During the Wat," and it will be illustrated by eighty stefeonti-Mrs. Gerry Slade: piano solos by dent. Wis Gerry Slade plane soles by all selections of the state troops these young women cared for the State troops these young women cared for the State troops they were mustered into the service of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and when, near the close of the war, overnment, and the property of the second to the state of the second the second



For things beyond thy small control? Do but thy part, and thou shalt see Heaven will have charge of these and thee; Sow thou the seed, and wait in peace The Lord's increase.

-(Kate Putnam Osgood.

Sent by Harriet Putnam.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED headquarters yes-The many letters received at terday were from Mrs. G. L. Hurd, of Lake Conn., Mary T. Galpin, of Hampton, Va.; Mrs. M. of Somerville, N. J.; Helen Weston, Staten Island; Mrs. M. E. Story, of Englewood, N. Mrs. F. S. Child, of Fairfield, Conn.; Mrs. Sarah A. Kenney, of Troy, N. Y., Mrs. S. D. Waltby, of Marietta, Ohio; Miss A. Coxe, of Utica, N. Y.; Adelaide McCully, of Paterson, N. J.; Kate Nicholl, of Red Bank, N. J.; Mrs. Edwin Holman, of Greenwich, Conn.; A. Schanck, of South Orange, N. J.; the Rev. Edward A. Collier, of Kinderhook, N. Y., L. A. Whitman, of Montague, Mass.; M. E. as her dues for 1899. This is accepted as carrying Canfield, of Washington, Conn.; Mrs. Luther out the true spirit of sunshine. Scroggs, of Mount Vernon, Ky.; Miss S. F. Tomp-kins, of White Plains, N. Y.; Emily C. Davis, of New-Rochelle, N. Y.; Mrs. R. L. Hallstram, of this city; Miss Augusta Howell, of Fleming, M. Harrison, of East Orange, N. J., E. G. Johnson of Trenton, N. J.; Maude Stover, of Brooklyn; Gertrude Adams, of Passaic, N. J.; Mrs. Belle W. Lincoln, of Saismanca, N. Y.; Miss A. E. Hatch, of Morris Plains, N. J.; Mary C. Studiey, of Brentwood, Long Island, Mary A. Davis, of Maplewood, N. J.; Mrs. F. L. Rodewald, of New-Brighton, Staten Island; Miss M. P. Britt, of Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Mrs. T. A. Morris, of Southport, N. Y.; Florence B. Ramsden, of Brooklyn, Mrs. A. Benirose, of Goshen, N. Y.; Mrs. B. R. Clark, of Waverly, N. Y.; Bessie Hawkins, of Edzabeth, N. J., Claus Williams, of Chicago, Maggie Sue Hampton, of Landrum, S. C.; Mrs. F. Mart, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Mrs. John M. Alpaugh, of Providence, R. I.; Miss I. C., of Brooklyn; Mrs. A. A. Keese, of Great Neck, Long Island; A. H. and Mrs. C. H. Alvord, of Tortington, Conn.; Mrs. M. J. Miner, of Washington; Miss K. G. Hackett, of Putnam, Conn.; the Rev. M. S. Jeffres, of this city, Mrs. Lewis F. Judson, of Stratford, Conn., Mrs. E. M. Kimbail, of East Hebron, N. H.; Miss Laura Ruggles, of Jursey City, Mrs. Co. M. Bradley, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. Royal Gaze, Elizabech Nitchie, Mrs. M. E. P. Miss E. P. Sharpe, Mrs. W. H. C. and S. J. A. of Brooklyn; H. L. R. Dodge, Harriet Putnam, Annette W. Haynes, Miss Lockman, Harriet Lockman, Miss J. A. Marshall, William L. and Mrs. Birbeck, Evelyn Briggs and Aledine B. Van Vlack, of this city, and Gertrude Adams, of Jersey City trude Adams, of Passaic, N. J.; Mrs. Belle W. Lin-

name; pincushions, booklets, penwipers, Pancy straw boxes and iron-holders from Mrs. M. A. Whitbeck, of Ghent, N. Y.; four silk bags, hand-kerchiefs, scrap-pictures and a large collection of kerchiefs, scrap-pictures and a large collection of pressed ferns and autumn leaves from Mrs. Willam Walker, of this city; calendars and cards from knowledged that "the Commissioners cannot give Mrs. Cornelius L. Wells, of Brooklyn; a doll and a needlebook from Nellie E. Judson, of East Arisington, Vt.; Christmas cards, calendars and a painted pinball from Mrs. Aaron B. Gardenier, of Chatham, N. Y.; two dolls' hats from Jennie L. Harzog, of Schenectady, N. Y.; books for children, from Elizabeth B. Strong, of New-Brunswick, N. J.; a small silver-framed looking-shass, from Mrs. J.; a small silver-framed looking-shass, from Mrs. Respect to their work, and, as a consequence, enough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though time to their work, and, as a consequence, though time to their work, and, as a consequence, though time to their work, and, as a consequence, though time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and, as a consequence, though the cough time to their work, and the cough time to their substitute to their substitute to their substitute to the cough time to their substitute to the cough time to the cough time to their substitute to the cough to Mrs. Cornellus L. Wells, of Brooklyn; a doll and a Harzog, of Schenectady, N. Y.; books for children, of Philadelphia; bookmarks and booklets from Miss C. O. Ross, of Newark, N. J.; doll's bonnets and Tam o' Shanters from Mrs. H. E. Armstrong, of Jersey City; slik places from Mrs. Waiter J. Starr, of East Greenwich, R. I.; books and cards from Mrs. Berkeley Rich Merwin, of an error of the payroll amounting to \$9.000. They this city; two bags from Miss Harriet Vincent, of an error of the payroll amounting to \$6.00. They were told that this shortage could not be remedied now. Adams, of Passale, N. J.; Japanese doll pincushion from M. L. Ciark, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Jons' tootics two pretty dolls, from Mrs. Keyser, without adbooklets, scrapbooks. Christmas cards and books for children came from Mrs. J. Edgar Leaycraft, of this city; games, books, four pretty dolls, (w) pairs of this city; games, (w) pairs of of play reins, two pairs of hed socks, three pretty H. B., of Brooklyn; booklets, calendars and cords from Mrs. A. A. Keese, of Great Neck, Long Island; infant's slumber robe, three flannel skirts and three pretty muslin dresses from Mrs. R. H.

Rickard, of Morristown, N. J., Cards and calendars arrived from Frances T. sweet-grass workbasket, in a pretty box filled with of New-Rochelle, N. Y.; a bag containing a book, a game, a small doll, a play watch, a drawing slate and a pair of mittens from Miss Mamie Gottschen, of Brooklyn, four small bags and one large one, from Miss Susle Ochs, of Brooklyn; a crochoted shoulder shawl and two infants' fiannel sacks from Mrs. O. A. Miss Olive and Miss S. E. Hendricks, of Newark, N. J.; two pairs of bed socks from Mrs. Henry G. Campbell, of Paterson, N. J.; two prettily dressed dolls, made by an invalid and sent in by M. A. W. with the hope that they will make two little girls happy.

A box of wooden soldlers, a lot of the dishos, a box of candles, toys, Christmas card, and calendars, were sent by Heien B. Decker, of this city; a leather photograph case, books, booklets, cards, calendars and a box of colored bends came from Miss S. A. Maxwell, of Brooklyn, four tretty dolls, without a name; games, two baskets, but herefully, the head of the head came from Miss S. A. Maxwell, of Brooklyn, four tretty dolls, without a name; games two baskets, but herefully, the head of the head of two basks, without a name; slik pieces, magazines papers, booklets, cards and a phiball from Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hibbard, of Rondout, N. Y.; three pairs of childres's bounded slippers from George Fosier, of Honesdale, Penn.; cards and hands one engravings from John Gardner, of Ulica, N. Y.; in fants' clothing from Mrs. Alexander Binck, af Hrooklyn; a box of popping-corn and gitts for T. S. S. members came from Mrs. Anna C. Miller, of Chappaqua, N. Y.; a sweet-grass basket and a number of other useful articles, from Mrs. W. S. Carter, of Brooklyn; scrapbook from Carrie Aerritt, of Millbrook, N. Y.; sky Swiss bags, each containing a plicushion, a slik cover for a sofa ; li-low and a calendar, without any man estimation. sacks from Mrs. O. A., Miss Olive and Miss S. E. citt, of Millbrook, N. Y.; six Swies bags, each con-taining a pincushion, a silk cover for a sofa ril-low and a calendar, without any name attached; a number of Christmas tree decorations from Mrs. Lawton, of Saratoga, N. Y.; silk pieces from Mrs. D. A. Wheaton, of East Greenwich, R. L.; a book, "Songs of Christmas," from Miss Kendig, of Brook-yn; two booklets from Emily Halsey Suydam, of Elizabeth, N. J., paper dolls from Gwendolen Perry, of Rockland, Me., "for Mrs. Parson's little crippied cirl"; an apron from Mrs. Margaret Starr, of Brooklyn.

Elizabeth N. J., paper usus. Parson's little crippled of Bookland. Me., 'for Mrs. Parson's little crippled of Plockland. Me., 'for Mrs. Parson's little crippled of Plockland. Me., 'for Mrs. Margaret Starr, of Brooklyn.

Two pleces of music arrived from Mrs. L. A. Whitmore, of Montague, Mass, a book Christmas cards and scrap-pletures, from Mrs. Annio Pott, of Williamsport. Penn., kindergarton work and two wool dolls from Phoebe Boughman, of Cuba, Ill.; a box of dominos, without a name; a box of shells from Mrs. D. C. Hogan, of Bridgeport. Conn.; a book from Mrs. D. C. Hogan, of Bridgeport. Conn.; a book from Mrs. Child, of Fairneid, Conn., eight blocks of Yucca for pincushions, from Miss. Var. Book from Mrs. Child, of Fairneid, Conn., eight blocks of Yucca for pincushions, from Miss. Var. Dunnelle Van Schalck, of Mount Vernon.

Three pairs of bootles, scrap-pictures, from Mrs. Dunnelle Van Schalck, of Mount Vernon.

Three pairs of bootles, a Sack and cap for an infant, a pair of boulder slippers, a tray-cover, a pink satin painted mouchoir case, three sacheta, a crocheted handkerchief case, a pink ice-wool fascinator, a hairpin basket, two match-scratchers, two tinsel mats, two pintrays, a penwiper, a book, a hand-painted calendar, and a thimble pepperduster, were sent by Mrs. Alexander Milse, of White Plains, N. Y.; a box of miletetoe cams from Maggie S. Hampton, of Landrum, S. C.; two books, for children, from Louise B. Maybrum, of Greenville, Ohio, games books, scrap-pictures, cards and slik pieces from Carlton A. Avers, of Metuchen, N. J., Infants sack, a doll and her trosecau, books and cards from Mrs. Adelaida Scudder, of Jersey City; dik pieces and four pieces of seawed coral, from Mrs. Virginia McLain, of Nassau, Baharmas; two 'Mother Goose' books from Marla Johns, of Jackson, Mich., a Christmas greesing, from little Stephen H. Field, of Alexandrin, Va.; a box containing two pairs of mittens, scrapbooks, stattonery, books from Robert Herbert, of Bethlehem, Penn., a besuttful large, daintly dressed doil f

sent 50 cents with which to mail some sunshine, and E. H. Suydam, of Elizabeth, N. J., sent 10 cents. Mrs. Henry G. Campbell, of Paterson, N. J., sent 45 "to help scatter sunshine," and Mrs. Harry Wallerstein, of this city, also sent \$5 "to aid in making Christmas brighter to some T. S. Members.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. A. Spink, of Brooklyn; Florence B. Rams den, of Brooklyn; Mrs. C. A. Wells, of Brooklyn; Master Stephen H. Field, of Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Mary Rogers, of Litica, N. Y., Mrs. Clara Park-hurst, of Rome, N. Y., Maggie S. Hampton, of Landrum, S. C.; Mrs. Charles H. Ramsden, of Brooklyn, Mrs. Maxwell, of Clifton Springs, N. Y.; the Rev. Richard Cobden, of Larchmont, N. Y.

SPECIAL SUNSHINE DISTRIBUTED. One box of reading matter containing a large number of magazines, novels and children's books. to the T. S. S. branch at Tecumseh, Neb.; a large box of toys, games, dolls, pincushions, needlebooks. books and candy, to the Montague, Mass., T. S.

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S. branch for their Christmas tree, as a special entertainment will be held by this flourishing branch; another box filled with silk quilt pieces, games and picture cards, went to the Italian Industrial school. No. 156 Leonard-st., this city; a large box filled with all sorts of Christmas greetings, for the sixty-four members of the T. S. branch, of Freeport. Long Island, also 407 fidividual Christmas parcels were sent through the mail.

Mrs. J. L. Redfield sent 50 cents in stamps as infinition fee for Mrs. Maxwell, of Clifton Springs, N. Y. Mrs. Maxwell is blind, but does all kinds of crochet work. She will be glad to receive worsteds.

Of the four dolls credited to Mrs. Maude Stover of Brooklyn, in the column of December 9, one of them was sent as initiation fee by Mrs. E. A. Spink, of Brooklyn.

Mrs. Martha T. Fendey, of Philadelphia, has sent a package of new, warm underwear, stockings. slippers, etc., to little Willie Farmer, of Floy, Ala.

TOLD OF THE SCHOOLS.

WHY TEACHERS HAVE BEEN KEPT OUT OF THEIR SALARIES.

SUGGESTED REFORMS OFFERED-MAYOR VAN WYCK GAINING THE FAVOR OF THE

the amalgamation of the various cities and parts of cities that were incorporated a year ago under the term Greater New-York has been proved to the public schools and the lack of sufficient accommodation for pupils. The opposition of Tammany Hall to the Board of Education is held di-rectly responsible for the present difficulty. A clause in the charter of the Department of Education made provision for the retention in office of

class who believe that women would serve better than men in this capacity. The Mayor ac-

Mme. Alma H. De Belprat, who has been fined by the School Board, refuses to teach in the school at Tottenville, Staten Island, to which she was transferred from No. 15 in Stapleton, and declares that

An art gallery is to be arranged for Public School No. 7. Three engravings, given some months ago by Commissioner Mack, were the nucleus for a Miss Richman, the principal, found that the children so greatly appreciated the pictures that children so greatly appreciated the pictures that she wrote to several large stores, asking for the loan of paintings for the art room. All of the applications were cordially responded to. One firm offered to contribute twelve pictures to be renewed from time to time. Another house sent one of Brown's paintings valued at \$1.00. Still another idea of Miss Richman's is the utilization of such pictures as are given to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but cannot be hung there owing to lark of wail space or appropriateness of subject. These pictures doubt he issel as a circulating collection and sent from school to school for a trifling cost. while the advantage to the children is pointed out as being great.

The Brooklyn Training School for Teachers reselved a visit last week from Henry P. Schmidt, of the School Board, who made an address, in which

There is to be a general reception and entertainment at Cornell University on December 23, when Executive Committee will be assisted in its the Executive Committee will be assisted in its take charge of the decorations. It is also said that Miss Nicolai, the physical culture teacher, will have a novel kind of entertainment to offer, the nature of which has not yet been disclosed.

A tour of schools in the Eastern States has just been made by John R. Kirk, State Superintendent of Schools of Missourl, who was gathering material for an article to present to the Missouri General Assembly. The result has shown, Mr. Kirk de Assembly. The result has shown, Mr. Kirk de-clares, that "New-York has, theoretically, the best system of all, but the primary and grammar schools of New-York and Brooklyn are the worst I ever saw One should visit the New-York City schools to learn what to avoid, and to see what the schools of Missouri cities may drift to if ever they fall under the blighting influence of political or com-mercial School Hoards." Washington schools were pronounced to be the most complete.

The annual dinner of the New-York County the Pligrim Mothers each year on December 22, will take place on Thursday of this week at the Waldorf-Astoria. The hour of assembling is 12:30 o'clock, as the Pilgrim mothers are supposed to have dined at that time. The president of the league, Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, will preside and give the address of welcome, and the other after-dinner toasts will be responded to by Mrs. Mary Seymour Howell, president of the Albany County Political Equality Club, who will reply to County Political Equality Club, who will reply to the toast, "Stand Up and Be Counted"; Mrs. Mary Grinnell Meares. President of the Mothers' Assembly of the State of New-York who will reply to "The Influence of Womanhood"; Mrs. Mary E. Trautman president of the Woman's Health Proceedings as Next to Goddiness. Mrs. Ada M. Brown, president of the Chiropean Club, of Brooklyn, who will speak on "Woman in Organizations" Mrs. Talhot-Perklins, president of the Belford League of Brooklyn, who will reply to the toast "Mrs. Talhot-Perklins, president of the Belford League, of Brooklyn, who will reply to the toast "Mothers of Famous Men. Mrs. Fannie Humphreys Gaffney, president of the Society for Political Study who will speak on "The Pilgrim Mothers." Tickets, at \$2.56 ezch. can be obtained from Mme, Van Norman, the treasurer, No. 250 West Seventy-first-st.

AT THE WOMAN'S WORK EXCHANGE.

EDUCATION BOARD'S REPORT. GRIP DECLARED CONTAGIOUS.

THE CONTRACTS FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS-PRESIDENT HUBBELL URGES SPEEDY COMPLETION.

The annual report of the Department of Educa-tion of the city of New-York for the year ending July 31, 1898, was issued yesterday, and the state ment shows disbursements for all purposes of \$16. 025 801 54.

The report shows that in the boroughs of Man-

ed or are ready to be awarded for the building of nexes to some of the old houses. The most of the schools will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the new school year, September, 1839, and nearly all of them by January, 1900. The following contracts have been awarded and are waiting the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionlister sts., twenty classrooms, physical and manual training rooms and roof playground; Public School No. 168, One-hundred-and-fourth-st. between First and Second aves, forty-eight classrooms, physical and manual training rooms, and Public School, No. 98. addition. Park-ave. and Second-st., Williams.

The remaining fourteen contracts are also before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and are ready for proposal and advertisement. They call for a total of 291 classrooms, each school being provided with from one to three rooms for kinder garten use and manual and physical training Included in this number are two high schools. Many of these contracts have been with-In addition to the total of 694 classrooms, which

24,700 pupils, there will be space sufficient to provide ninety-four rooms, to be used for kindergarten. clay modelling, cooking and workshop. Six new sites for additions to public schools have been se-This will reduce the rent appropriation for leased buildings by about \$40,000. new buildings for grammar schools were purchased by the city in the last year, and the following four sites are to be used for high schools: Twenty-one lots in East One-hundred-and-fifteenth and Onehundred-and-sixteenth sts. between First-ave, and Livingston Place; sixteen lots on Tenth-ava between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth sts.; eighteen lots on One-hundred-and-fourteenth-st., between Seventh and Eighth aves ; plot on the north side of One-hundred-and-sixty-sixth-st., the east side of

Boston Road and the west side of Jackson-ave.
The report further shows the number of school buildings in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx to be 170, the number of teachers employed 5.487 and the number of high schools three. number of evening high schools is four and the tendance at the 1,595 free lectures delivered was

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The importance of speedily finishing the school buildings under way, the completion of which has been interrupted by the time limit complications, cannot be overestimated. The driays already chargeable to that cause will find schoolhouses that should have been ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next school year still far from completion, the consequences of which will be that accommodations that otherwise would have been available for children who will require them will not be ready. It is therefore urged that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment take such steps as are pussible under the law to provide the necessary funds for the completion, heating and furnishing of these buildings.

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SAY THAT COAL COST TOO MUCH.

TAMMANY'S COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS FIND FAULT WITH A BUREAU OF THE OLD PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Van Wyck yesterday on the operations of the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies of the old Deof the contracts requiring the weighing of coal at places of delivery or at the platform scale in City Hall Park. The scale in City Hall Park is out of repair, and has been in that condition vouchers for all the coal delivered are reported by

price paid was 88 cents a ton above the market

rate, and in a few cases the prices paid for coal on Pepartment orders were from 25 to 97 cents higher than the contract prices. It is also charged that four hundred tens of coal were obtained each year on Department orders which should have been included in the contracts.

The report also says: "Receipts were filed in the office of the Bureau by the contractor when making requisitions for payment. These receipts have been so carelessly kept that many of them have been so carelessly kept that many of them have been so of destroyed. We have been informed by James 3. Dunne, who was the clerk in charge of them, that they were not considered as being of any value after the contractor had been paid, consequently no particular care was taken of them, and possibly some of them have been lost. There are no reports on file from the junitors for the supplies they received, and in consequence it was necessary for us to examine the conditions under which the coal was consumed."

TO GUARD AGAINST A BANK CRASH.

LEGISLATURE TO BE ASKED TO COMPEL THE BANKS TO BUY BONDS TO THE AMOUNT OF CITY DEPOSITS. Controller Coler intends at an early date to ask

the Legislature to pass a law intended to protect the city against losses through bank fatures. Mr. Coler's plan, which, at present, however, is only bonds from the city for amounts equal to the sums which the city has on deposit with them at 2 per cent. In this way, by paying the difference, 1 per cent, the city will be protected against losses by The old city of Brooklyn lost \$7.419 41 in the Farm-

ers and Citizens' Bank, \$108,423 in the Commercial Bank and \$1,539 51 in the Central Bank, while the Bank and \$1,539.51 in the Central Bank, while the old city of New-York had \$1,600.00 on deposit with the Marine Bank at the time of its failure and \$200.000 with the Tradesmen's National Bank. The loss in connection with the Marine Bank amounted to \$150.000 and interest. The low at present prohibits the city from depositing with any bank a sum greater than one-half the capital stock of the bank. After January 1, when the city will have large sums on hand, it will not be able easily to find banks enough to place its money in. The banks now do not want the city's money, and when the Controller recently had to borrow he had to get \$2,000,000 from Mrs. Hetty Green.

THE CHARITIES CONFERENCE.

Bishop Potter will address the monthly conference of the Charity Organization Society, to be held to-day at 11 a. m. in the Assembly Hall of the United Charities Building, No. 105 East Tweny-second-st. Bishop Potter's topic is "Relief Givng in Connection with City Mission Work." The John L. Scudder, of Jersey City. Delegates are appointed to attend these conferences from a large number of charitable and religious societies, and the general public is also cordially welcome.

COFFEE PRICES ADVANCED. The Woolson Spice Company, which is controlled

The Woodson Space company, which is confronced by the American Surar Redning Company, yester-day advanced the price of one of its brands of coffee one-half cent a pound. In announcing the advance the company says that it is simply a advance the companies and the improvement in the compensation for a material improvement in the quality of the brand, and that the improved grade will not be delivered to purchasers before January 1. The Arbuckles yesterlisy also made an advance of one-half cent a pound on their coffee, which is still about a cent a pound higher in price than the Weelson coffee. PRODUCE EXCHANGE TO CLOSE SATURDAY

The Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange decided yesterday to close the Exchange on Satur-day of this week, but not on the following Saturday. All the other countown exchanges will be closed on both days. There is to be a promenade concert on the floor of the Produce Exchange on Saturday. December II, between 2 and 5 o'clock.

MORGAN L. LIVINGSTON'S WILL.

The will of Morgan Lewis Livingston, who died ast week, was filed for probate in the Surrogate's office yesterday. No petition was filed with the He names his two sisters, Silvia and Julia Livingston, as legatees of his entire estate, both real and personal. They are also the executors under the will, which is dated June 22, 1887.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

COMMISSIONER COSBY DOES NOT THINK THE CONDITION OF THE STREETS HAS ANT-

THING TO DO WITH THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE. The Board of Health yesterday declared the grip to be contagious and infectious. The disease is declared to be due to influenza bacillus.

year for about ten years the maiady has been so prevalent at some time of the year as to be called epidemis, but until yesterday the sanitary authorities have not classed it as contagious Hereafter cases of influenza will have to be reported by physicians, the same as cases of diph-theria, scarlet fever and other contagious diseases President Murphy called a meeting of the Health

the disease, which has been prevalent in epidemic form for a few weeks. At the close of the consultation the following official statement was issued: Influenza is an infectious and contagious disease, tue to the influenza bacillus. In cases of influenza or grip this organism is present in all the secretions of the nose, throat and bronchial tubes. The lisease is transmitted from person to person through the taking in of these organisms, either from direct contact or after the secretions have been dried and pulverized, and inhaled in the form of dust.

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The disease cannot be produced by any other causes than the influenza bacilius. There are many catarrhal affections of the respiratory tract which are improperly called grip, and the distinction between these and true grip is extremely difficult, and often impossible in the milder forms. Grip, however, is a much more serious affection, produces much greater depression and is followed by much more tedious convalescence. The disease extends rapidly and affects large numbers of people, because of the lack of definite diagnosis and any attempt at isolation of patient or disinfection of discharges.

An attack of grip produces temporary insusceptibility, as is the case in most infectious and contagious diseases, so that when an epidemic has passed through a city or over a country there is comparative freedom from the disease for a certain period, until the insusceptibility is lost. Then, when infection is again introduced, the disease takes again an epidemic form.

Accompanying the statement was a brief history

of the disease in this city, showing that the largest

number of deaths from influenza in any one year was 854, in 1891. The deaths from the disease de-creased each year to 1894, when the number was 188, but in 1895 there was a sudden increase, and the deaths from influenza that year numbered 567. In the following year the number of deaths from influenza was lot. Last year the number was 196. So far this year the disease has caused only 86 deaths, but it is epidemic, and deaths from it are deaths numbered 16.

It has been a noticeable fact that every year when there is an epidemic of grip in the city, the fatalities from pneumonia increase. For several weeks there has been an increase of pneumonia in the city, and the disease has been fatal in many

terday that the presence of snow in the streets had no effect to increase the grip, but many of the physicians in the city hold different opinions. They have declared that the presence of melting st in the streets, and the consequent increase of fifth, has had much to do with the epidemic. The declaration of the Health Board that the disease contagious and infectious will confirm in the minds of many physicians the belief that damp and dirty streets will spread the disease in the city.

Grip is unquestionably a contagious disease. It is a fact, though, that it is not as prevalent now as it was some years ago. When a person has recovered from the grip he is proof against it for several years, say five or six, so that the disease is likely to afflict children more than older persons. Most persons advanced in years have had a touch of it at some time or other.

When one person in a family gets the grip, all the other members are likely to get it. Where there is a case of scarlet fever measures are taken to prevent its apread, but as a usual thing not much attention is paid to the grip. Measures should be taken, though, to keep it down. Handkerchiefs used by grip victims should be sterilized and other precautionary measures should be serviced.

DIPHTHERIA IN AN ORPHAN ASYLUM. The presence of a case of diphtheria among the 197 boys and girls in the institution of the Orphan Asylum Society of New-York, at Seventy-third-st.

and West End-ave, has caused the place to be quarantined by the Board of Health. This went into effect yesterday immediately on receipt of the order. The patient has already been isolated and the rest of the inmates have been examined.

No more cases have been found.

THOSE AMSTERDAM-AVE TRACKS.

A HEARING ON THE PROPOSITION TO REMOVE

The Railroad Committee of the Municipal Counday afternoon and gave a hearing on the propo sition to compel the railroad companies to remove one set of tracks from Amsterdam-ave. President Peters, of Manhattan, and Thomas A. chairman of the committee that is agitating the subject, appeared before the Railroad Committee subject, appeared before the Rainon. Commission and advocated the removal of one set of tracks on the ground that the two sets were dangerous to the school children who had to cross the avenue. A representative of the Third Avenue Railroad Company asked for an adjournment for two weeks to enable the company to make an answer to the objections raised. The request was granted.

WANTS REDRESS FOR FORCIBLE HAIRCUT.

QUEER CLAIM THAT AN OLD WOMAN WHO HAUNTS THE COURTS DESIRES PRESSED.

A constant visitor to the courtroom presided over by Justice Beekman, of the Supreme Court, re-cently has been a shabbily dressed old woman, whose gray hair is cut close and who sits alone, communing with herself. The court attendants and the lawyers who frequent the courtroom have often noticed the woman, but as she paid no attention to any one she was let alone. however, she announced her name as Jane Batson, and said that she was looking for a lawyer who would pross a claim she had against some one for having had her hair cropped close while she was an inmate of the woman's prison on Blackwell's Island last summer. She had been committed to the Island for three months for disorderly conduct. She had been advised to bring suit in the Supreme Court. After skiling in the courtroom for an hour, her usual time, the old woman picked up her reticule and departed. She would not reveal her address. and said that she was looking for a lawyer who

COMMISSIONERS DON'T GET EXTRA PAY. An application for an extra allowance of \$2,000 costs each made by Fordham Morris, William Arrowsmith and William Grossman, the Commissioners of Appraisal appointed to acquire possession on behalf of the city of the property necessary for widening East One-hundred and-thirty-eighth-st. was decided by Justice Cohen yesterday in the Supreme Court. The Commissioners have already received over \$1.20 each. Their sittings have numbered 160 Some were held prior to January 1888, and for these they received \$10 each. For the balance they were only received \$10 each. For the balance they were only received \$10 each. For the balance they were only received \$10 each. For the balance they were only received \$10 each. For the balance they were only received \$10 each. For the balance they were only received \$10 each. For the balance they were therefore entitled to extra remuneration. Justice Cohen said that the proceeding did not appear to him to be one either unusual or extraordinary under the statute, and denied the application. sion on behalf of the city of the property necessary

SEVEN YEARS TO BUILD A BRIDGE.

George W. Jones, who has just completed a large bridge over the Magdalena River, a waterway running nine hundred miles through the United States of Colombia, arrived yesterday with a number of of Colombia, arrived yesterials with a number of his assistants, as passengers on the Atias liner Alta! The building of the bridge, which took nearly seven years to complete, was an extremely difficult undertaking on account of the swiftness of the water over which it was erected. The Magdalena River is the principal means of communication between the people of the interior of the United States of Colombia and those living in the scacoast towns.

THE WARING MEMORIAL FUND. Ex-Mayor William L. Strong, treasurer of the Waring Memorial Fund, acknowledges receipt of

the following contributions to December 19: \$250.00 Mrs. G. M. Smith. 100.00 George S. Moraon. 100.00 M. A. Stone. 100.00 L. Holbrook. 100.00 Ethan Allen Doty. 50.00 George Detevoise.